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TO: THE HONORABLE SLADE GORTON
- UNITED STATES SENATE
- WASHINGTON, DC 20510
FOR: ANN STEVER BLUME
- 2988 JACKSON FEDERAL BUILDING
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- SEATTLE, WA 98175

BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR SENATOR GORTON:

I AM WRITING IN RESPONSE TO YOUR LETTER OF APRIL 10, 1985
CONCERNING THE PLIGHT OF SWEDISH DIPLOMAT RAOUL WALLEN-
BERG. YOUR CONSTITUENT, MR. RICHARD S. GILMAN,
REQUESTED YOUR ASSISTANCE ASCERTAINING THE FACTS
SURROUNDING MR. WALLENBERG'S FATE.

AS YOU RECALL, SWEDISH DIPLOMAT RAOUL WALLENBERG WAS
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INVOLVED IN HEROIC EFFORTS TO SAVE THE LIVES OF THOUSANDS

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OF HUNGARIAN JEWS FROM NAZI EXTERMINATION DURING WORLD WAR II. IN 1945 WHEN THE SOVIET ARMY OCCUPIED HUNGARY, MR. WALLENBERG WAS TAKEN PRISONER BY THE SOVIETS. SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER ANDREY GROMYKO HAS SINCE STATED THAT WALLENBERG DIED IN LUBYANKA PRISON IN JULY 1947.

NUMEROUS RUMORS ABOUT SIGHTINGS OF RAOUL WALLENBERG IN THE SOVIET GULAG HAVE RENDERED HIS FATE AN OPEN SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION TO THIS DAY. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT BELIEVES FIRMLY AND UNEQUIVOCALLY--AND HAS SO STATED--THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAS AN OBLIGATION TO THE WORLD TO EXPLAIN PRECISELY WHAT HAPPENED TO RAOUL WALLENBERG. IF HE IS STILL ALIVE, HE SHOULD BE FREED FORTHWITH. IF HE IS NOT ALIVE, A COMPLETE AND DETAILED ACCOUNTING OF WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM AND WHY IS OWED TO HIS FAMILY, TO THE GOVERNMENT OF SWEDEN, AND TO THE WORLD PUBLIC AT LARGE.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS ITS STRONG CONCERN ABOUT THE FATE OF RAOUL WALLENBERG. AFTER RAOUL WALLENBERG WAS MADE AN HONORARY AMERICAN (AN ACT THAT EMPHASIZES OUR RECOGNITION OF HIS DEEDS BUT WHICH DOES NOT FORMALLY BESTOW UPON HIM THE BROAD RANGE OF LEGAL RIGHTS ACCORDED TO U.S. CITIZENS) WE MADE THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT AWARE FORMALLY AND OFFICIALLY OF OUR CONTINUED DEDICATION TO ASCERTAINING THE TRUTH ABOUT RAOUL WALLENBERG'S FATE. WE SHALL NOT BE SATISFIED UNTIL THE SOVIETS PROVIDE A FULL AND SATISFACTORY CLARIFICATION OF THEIR ACTIONS IN THIS CASE.

WE HAVE PRESSED THIS EFFORT BOTH ON A BILATERAL BASIS AND AT INTERNATIONAL FORA, SUCH AS THE CSCE REVIEW CONFERENCE IN MADRID AND THE U.N. HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION.

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WE HAVE WORKED CLOSELY WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF SWEDEN TO TRY TO CONFIRM REPORTS THAT HAVE COME TO LIGHT ABOUT WALLENBERG. WE CONTINUE TO COOPERATE FULLY WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF SWEDEN AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES IN A PERSISTENT EFFORT TO OBTAIN INFORMATION THAT WILL CLARIFY THE FATE OF THIS BRAVE MAN.

I HOPE THIS INFORMATION IS OF SOME HELP TO YOU. IF I CAN BE OF ANY FURTHER ASSISTANCE IN THIS OR ANY OTHER

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MATTER, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL UPON ME.

SINCERELY,
ARTHUR A. HARTMAN
END TEXT.
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